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SUBJECT : ~~Mr~~ KREDENSER , Stefania

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Subject made a trip to Ukraine from 9-25 September, 1960 . She was in/ one of the group of Joseph LYSAWYER. She is a resident of Philadelphia, Pa (2501 Brown St.,)

Upon applying for the Soviet visa Subject admitted having relatives in SAMBIR, Western Ukraine, but she did not ask for permission of seeing them. Nevertheless Subject wanted to see her relatives and being already in Kharkov on the 19 September she sent a telegram to her aunt in Sambir informing her that when she will arrive in Lviv on 22 September.

The telegram was delivered to her aunt in time and 2 of Subjects aunts (both aunts' name is ~~is~~ CHAIKOVSKY), one daughter and 2 cousins from the village of ORTYNYCHI, Sambir rayon arrived in Lviv and came to the Intourist Hotel. They arrived at 0900 hours. Subject's aunt proposed that they should leave the hotel what all of them did. They walked in the streets for approx. 10 minutes and came to a car parked on the street which was supposed to bring all of them to Sambir. The driver was a man unknown to Subject and nobody introduced him to her. He talked to one of the cousins and from his speech Subject recognized him as being a Galician.

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They started on the trip taking a new highway which was very good and in some spots not yet completely finished. The highway bypassed the villages on the way. Approx. 30 kilometers from Lviv the car overtook a convoy of military trucks. When they approached the last car in the convoy and officer halted their car. The aunt remarked "O God, I hope we shall not have trouble" The officer only asked them a favor. When they see in front a military vehicle with such and such a number they should send him back to that officer, because

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 something was to be repaired . The car proceeded over ten kilometers but they did not recognize the number of the vehicle asked by the officer. The drive to Sambir lasted less than 2 hours. They went to ~~Subject~~ 2/
 an address at POVTURNA St., at which Subject's aunts, the aunt's daughter with her husband and another woman, altogether 5 persons live in an apartment of one room and a kitchen.

All the conversation with the relatives was about living conditions and what one could buy for his earnings in the United States. A cousin complained that for one shirt he must work for 4-5 weeks.

After 3 hours it was time for Subject to leave. At first it was planned that she would return to Lviv by bus, but she missed the bus. One of the cousins by the name of STEFKO, who works as driver in Sambir went out and found a taxidriver who was willing to bring Subject to Lviv. In the streets of Sambir Subject heard exclusively Ukrainian language. Accompanied by one aunt CHAYKOVSKA, her daughter and one ~~cousin~~ ^{SUBJECT} went back to Lviv. In the Intourist Hotel Subject took her relatives for dinner and was surprised how they were fascinated with the food and with the amount of bread on the restaurant tables.

Subject is of the opinion that her unscheduled trip to Sambir has not been noticed by the Intourist. Nobody asked her any questions. She thinks that this might have happened because one of the Intourist girls was ~~sick~~ ^{SICK} and another Intourist girl was ordered to stay with her and therefore there was no enough personnel to look after and control all the tourists.

Subject is of the opinion that being on her trip she did not understand many things of Soviet reality. The same as behavior of the people including her relatives is concerned. She

thinks that another trip would contribute much to better understanding .